Navy/ Northrop Grumman/ Bethpage, NY

Site Responsibility: This is a RCRA storage facility permitted under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), although RCRA waste is no longer stored at this facility. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is authorized for RCRA and has the lead role in implementing the remediation at the Site. Both the Navy and Northrop Grumman are potentially responsible parties (PRPs). EPA has primarily played a support role to NYSDEC. In 2014, after hearing directly from several affected water districts that they were dissatisfied with the progress being made regarding plume remediation, EPA initiated and facilitated quarterly meetings among the water districts, NYSDEC, the Navy and Grumman. The meetings gave the water districts an opportunity to be heard and to be involved in a regular dialogue with the key players at the Site. In 2017, NYSDEC assumed the lead role in coordinating these meetings, which have been held less frequently in recent years. In 2017, Congressman Thomas Suozzi (D-NY03) began convening annual roundtable meetings among EPA, NYSDEC, the Bethpage Water District, the Town of Oyster Bay, the Navy and Northrop Grumman, to discuss how the interested parties can continue to work together to accelerate the groundwater plume remediation in an effective and efficient manner. The next roundtable meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2019.